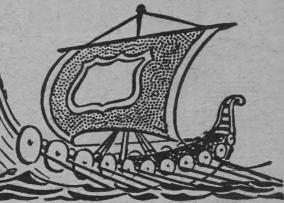


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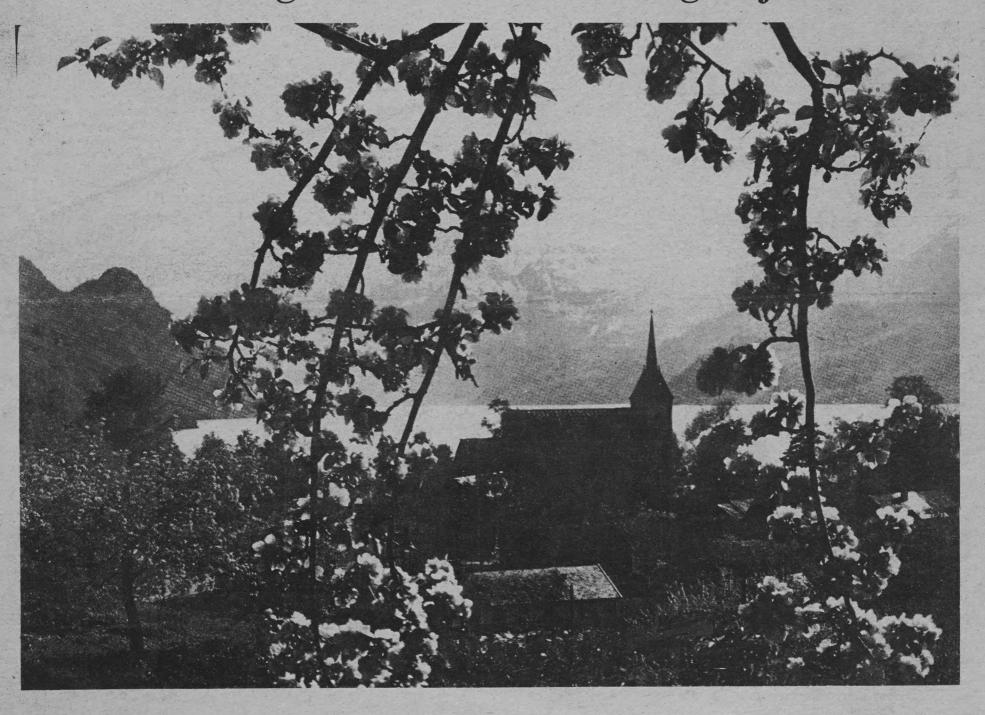
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APRIL, 1978

Fjord blossom time in Norway's Fjord Country. Ullensvang church in the Hardanger fjord.



Senior's interest list growing

Deadline extended to April 15th

CLUB VIKING APOLOGIZES - Somehow our booking for our Games Night on April 14th went astray and the Nordic Room was booked for a private party.

When we discovered what had happened, we booked for April 28th when the Nordic Room was open, but we have since had it brought to our attention that Dania is holding their last Whistdrive on that night.

SO PLEASE NOTE - MAY 19TH was the next available Friday that did not conflict with any of the Lodge functions - AND THAT'S THE NIGHT! - FOR SURE!

The response to our proposed Senior Citizens' Apartment with a Scandinavian flavour has been most encouraging. As of early March there were well over 120 names on our Interest List.

However - in order to assure that we have adequate housing facilities available for the future we would like to have twice that number.

The deadline for receiving names for our INTEREST LIST has therefore been extended until APRIL 15TH.

We are making a special appeal to all those who are 62 or over - make sure that you have your name phoned in to any of the following numbers before April 15th. And remember you don't have to be Scandinavian to qualify - anyone is eligible as long as they can tolerate Scandinavians, because there are bound to be lots of them in this apartment building.

And if you are not 62,-but

know someone who is, do tell them about this project, and call any one of these numbers today:

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Please bear in mind that you do not obligate yourself in any way by putting your name on the Interest List, but you could be helping yourself and others to have affordable and comfortable facilities for the future.

SPLINTERS from the BOARD

The new Board of Directors held their organizational meeting, followed by their first business meeting, on March 7th.

The major concern of your Board for the coming two years is that the Scandinavian Centre show as great a cash flow as possible. This is a necessity if we are to be able to obtain financing for our new Centre. In order to substantially increase our income we needed the co-operation of our five member groups.

On March 21st an intergroup meeting was held with a large number of the executive members from all five groups attending. The situation was explained to them, and they agreed that after June 1st they would book only one weekend night per year at special rates, thus giving us the opportunity to show an increased profit through the additional commercial rentals made possible.

The Board greatly appreciates the understanding of the groups and their co-operation in helping the Centre over this period of time. Part of the planning for the new Centre will be to provide the lodges with facilities which will allow them more freedom in their activities.

Centre Operation

The Board agreed to the purchase of a larger cooler for the kitchen which will be set onto the concrete porch at the back of the Centre, as well as some additional cooking equipment — all of which will be transferable to our new building. The cooler will mean large savings in both food purchases and labour costs.

Club Viking presents

Games Night

We are looking to have a lot of fun on the evening of May 19th when Club Viking is putting on a Games Night.

There will be something for everyone — whist, bridge, chess, cribbage and monopoly to name some. If there is any particular game you would like to have available, give Per Nielsen a call.

At 10:30 you can help yourself to a plate of skiperslabskov (sailor's stew) along with buns and cheese.

There will be novelty prizes for winners and losers, and lots of good fun and fellowship. The cost is minimal — \$4.00 for members; \$5.00 for non-members.

See the back page for details about times and tickets.

Mother's Day Dinner

This Mother's Day (May 14) Club Viking is sponsoring a superb dinner — the kind which will be available only at the Scandinavian Centre.

This year we are giving mothers a break no standing in line at a smorgasbord! Instead we are providing a family-style service, and wine will be served with the meal.

There will be three sittings — at 2:00, 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. — so that everyone can have a leisurely dinner and enjoy every delicious bite.

So join us and give mother a very special Mother's Day treat!

See our ad on page 10.

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No conflict!

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The latest bit of misinformation to reach our ears — it seems that a fair number of people are of the opinion that Club Viking activities are somehow going to affect Lodge activities and membership.

We can only hope that last month's explanation of the purpose of Club Viking will allay some of these unfounded fears. One of the Club's basic policies is that there be no conflict with any Lodge's activities.

Our aim is to provide enjoyable and affordable activities for our shareholders — whether they are members of a lodge or not — and we look forward to an ever-increasing membership.

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VASA LODGE SKANDIA

by Gertie Holmgren

Skandia's regular March meeting was held in the Dania Room with Chairman Ray Nyroos pre-

Those members reported sick were Ole Haug, Grace Maxwell, Oscar Hanson and Betty Pearson. We hope that by now they are all well on their way to good health again.

Elvin and Anna Wold were accepted and welcomed into our lodge, transferring from Buford

Inflation has hit! The monthly dues will go up, but we have not decided how much. This is being considered and will be discussed at our next meeting.

Sandra Petersson, daughter of Lennart and Joan Petersson, has donated a wimple flag to be used at the lake. While visiting in Sweden last summer she decided that she would like to buy a gift for the lodge. One day while shopping she decided that a wimple flag was something that we didn't have and would be nice at the lake. Sandra, we think it was very considerate of

Polka'

by Olaf Sveen

you, and thank you very much.

The Ladies' Auxiliary meeting was held at the home of Anna and Frank Dodd.

Betty Pearson resigned as President after at least 27 years in that position. It is difficult to pin it down to how many years, as we all seem to remember her as always having had that position. She received a vote of thanks for her many years of faithful service.

Minnie Markstrom is the new President. Congratulations and best wishes!

On May 13th at 2:00 p.m. a Spring Tea, Bazaar and Bake Sale will be held at the home of Harold and Minnie Markstrom one mile west on the Ellerslie Road. For directions please phone 988-5670.

Travellers-

Russian accordionist

plays 'Jenny Lind

YURI KAZAKOV

Not so long ago the Russian

accordionist, Yuri Kazakov, held

a concert at the Students' Union

Theatre in Edmonton. He play-

ed the 'bayan', which is basically

the same as a 3-row chromatic

button accordion - in technical

language, with B-tuning; in

plain language, Norwegian sys-

strument all by itself and that

they invented it, but as far as I

can see that must be a mistake.

Two of my students are taking

lessons on bayans bought in

Russia, and I personally owned

such an instrument in the 30's

which was made by H.B. Gera,

East Germany, as far as I know.

build is that the right-hand key-

board stands straight out and is

not bent towards the body of

the player as is the case in most

accordions we see, but that hard-

At one time just after the

ly makes it a special invention.

The main difference in the

Some people say the Russians

Bill and Martha Kay enjoyed their holiday in Bermuda this

winter. Bill had been stationed there during the war when he was in the Navy and had looked forward to this two-week holiday. The time went all too quickly, and Martha wished they could have stayed longer.

Carol and Martin McRae spent two weeks in Hawaii getting a lovely tan and enjoyed

themselves immensely. Doreen Heeks also had a

week's holiday in Hawaii, meeting several friends there; she enjoyed her holiday to the

Rudy and Sonja Sund spent a couple of weeks in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. They reported that the weather was lovely around 80 deg. Fahrenheit.

Congratulations to Elwood and Dianne Johnson on the birth of a son on March 8th weighing 7 lbs. 5 ozs.

This month at the Centre

APRIL

1	Vasa Lodge Skandia Meeting
2	Club Viking Tea and Coffee Party with Craft Demonstrations
3	SCANDINAVIAN COOKING CLASSES
3	Sons of Norway Executive Meeting
4	Torske Klubben
5	Viking Toastmasters
11	Dania Whistdrive
12	Viking Toastmasters
15	Sons of Norway Kontiki Night
15	Dania Dance
19	Sons of Norway Meeting
19	Viking Toastmasters
21	Viking Toastmasters Annual Meeting
26	Viking Toastmasters
28	Dania Whistdrive

Vasa Bonspiel

by Gertie Holmgren

sons travelled to Camrose to participate in the annual District Bonspiel.

18 teams were entered - 4 from Calgary; 2 from Lethbridge; 4 from Buford-Falun; and 3 from each of Edmonton and the host lodge.

was held at the Viking Cultural Centre. Each team was introduced and trophies were presented to the winning teams.

The Bob Lewis team of Edmonton, consisting of Hank Berkenbosche, lead; Berkenbosche, second; Anderson, third; and Bob Lewis, skip; was in first place. In second place was the Henry Sjogren rink from Falun.

Trophies were also presented to the youngest curler - Barbara Johansson of Norden Lodge and to the oldest curler Gunnar Holt of the Lethbridge

Gunnar Holt, who is over 70 years old, won the trophy in 1974. He received a standing

The booby prize was won by the Swedberg team of Norden

Representatives of the various lodges spoke on behalf of their respective groups, and thanked Norden for their hospitality.

Norden Lodge also celebrated their 50th Anniversary, so it was a very special evening. They received many floral arrangements and congratulations. They are the second-oldest lodge in

On March 11th several per-

In the evening a banquet

what gammelost is, I will only say it is a Norwegian cheese and it tastes much better than it When Yuri Kazakov played he broke most of the rules and

regulations the average accordion

AINO JENSEN

player goes by.

In the first place, he held his thumb behind the right-hand keyboard, and that alone is a capital sin among accordion players in the western world.

Secondly, he used only one shoulder strap, and when he played he rested the accordion (bayan) on his knees.

It was a mystery how someone who handicapped himself that badly could play at all. But it worked.

Most of his music was, of course, Russian, but he even went so far as to play 'Jenny Lind Polka' in concert arrangement, as well as variations on a Scottish folksong which he had arranged himself.

I will say that most of the people listening were either accordion fans or accordion players, or both, and I am sure everyone enjoyed the music of the dedicated accordionist, Yuri

Original stories and poems for children

The Multiculturalism Directorate of the federal government wishes to gather material suitable for inclusion in an anthology of original stories and poems for children.

Submissions, with a high level of 'kid appeal', reflecting some aspect of Canada's multicultural nature are now being sought.

All those interested are asked to contact Jan Andrews (Anderson Road, R.R. 1. Carlsbad Springs, Ont. KOA 1KO) who is working with the Directorate under contract.

She will supply guidelines regarding subject matter, language of submissions, intended reader age, deadlines, etc., on request.

Alberta District No. 18, and it was at Norden Lodge that the first district meeting was held on October 30 and 31, 1931 - at that time the district lodge was

Finnish Society

formed

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Margaret Lundgren (Eliasson) a past District Master, who had been born at Meeting Creek and brought up there, and joined their lodge before coming to Edmonton, presented a 50-year pin to Helen Pearson. A pin was also presented to Helen Pearson for her uncle, Willie Oberg, who is 94 years old and was net able to be present.

Grand Lodge Executive Board member, Bert Johnson, brought greetings from the Grand Lodge Executive Board and Grand Master, A. Henry Anderson.

District Master Lloyd Erickson presented Past District Master Glen Eliasson with a Past District Master's Honourary life membership.

Several skits were presented by some of the lodges.

Friends of Helen and Walter Pearson, Bert and Elsie Kristoffersson from Portland, Oregon, (their home lodge being Nobel Lodge No. 184) were introduced to the gathering. Bert Kristoffersson had supervised the draw, and although he did not know anything about curling — in fact had never seen a curling game in his lifetime - felt it had been done in a fair and proper way.

The very capable Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Ken Johansson.

VASA LOPP

The next day, March 12th, some of the members travelled to Vasa Park to participate in District No. 18's mini Vasa Lopp.

There were 11 participants, each of them doing a crosscountry run of approximately 5 miles. Upon finishing the run each participant received a certificate stating-

This Certifies That Johan Jonsson completed the first District 18 Vasalopp held on March 12, 1978.

Those present were served weiners and beans and nice fresh buns in the club-house kitchen. It is hoped that this will become an annual affair.

Those who took part, in the order in which they finished, were: Edward Larose, Sandra Petersson, Albin Markstedt, Kristina Nyroos, Bruce Johnson, Robert Ladoceur, Susan Larose, Trevor Nyroos, Kjell Nyroos, Wanda Markstedt, Gunhild Ladouceur.

The list may not be as impressive as the 19,000 who skied the Vasalopp in Sweden this year, but that started out a lot smaller too.

Thanks to all those who helped make this a good-day - those who planned it, prepared the food, and all those who participated.

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Yust Try to Sing Along in Swedish

Second World War I remember it was a joke that the Russians claimed they had invented just about everything - even gammelost. For those who don't know

Sons of Norway Winter Games

by Bob Burt

Well over 400 people attended the District 4 Winter Games sponsored by Solglyt Lodge, Edmonton, on March 3rd, 4th and

The Winter Games had their inception in 1973 and have become bigger and better each year. The five clubs in Alberta have each taken their turn as sponsors. The new club, Nisse, at Radisson, Saskatchewan, is a welcome addition, and with a lodge having been proposed for Red Deer it is anticipated that seven clubs will participate next year when Ronning Lodge at Camrose will be the host.

The theme of the Games this year was 'fraternalism, fun and fellowship'.

272 enthusiastic sportspersons participated; 107 members travelled from Grande Prairie, while many more with their wives and children arrived from Camrose, Calgary and Claresholm. They were accommodated at the Mayfield Inn and the Sandman Motel.

Registration took place at the Scandinavian Centre on Friday evening, where introductions were made and everyone was given schedules and necessary information for the weekend. Refreshments were provided, and their was plenty to eat (that high-calorie variety). Music was provided by those ever-lovin' Freeloaders, Del Melsness, Harry Huser, Gary Johnson and Wally Broen, with Ross Anderson giving a hand. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality and renewal of old friendships.

It was down to serious business at 8:00 a.m. the next morning — friendships were forgotten and rivalry came to the fore.

It was buses and cars, and waiting to get to the bowling alley, curling rink, or out to the ski moguls. The day was very busy as bowlers tried to get in their six games. But it was even more difficult to complete three curling games at the Crestwood or Jasper Place Curling Club. It was a lot of fun!

The ski races were the first since the Games at Grande Prairie three years ago.

Those hardy Norse men and women donned their racing suits and skis, and were off to Terwillegar Park. One could not



SPORTS WEEKEND COMMITTEE Left to Right: Kris Nyhus, Harry Mjaatveit, Gail Peterson, Doug Peterson and Gladys Clark

have asked for a more beautiful

The 30 racers were registered, grouped and numbered. Watches were synchronized. Racers lined up one behind the other, and at one-minute intervals they were started off without a hitch. It was 3,2,1, GO, and a pat on the

On the run it was go-go and 'track' to pass. As the skiers came in, they were timed to the second. Harv and Betty Haugen were there in their motorhome to provide a loudspeaker, coffee. and moral support, as well as a place to calculate race times.

One sorry note - Karen Henry, a new member, fell and broke her arm in a warm-up practice, and had to be taken to the hospital.

Bowlers went at breakneck speed, throwing the ball, being frustrated by head-pins and splits, or being elated by strike after strike. Then it was lanejumping for the next game.

Curling standards were high from the beginning and many close games were registered. It was either tied up coming home or a very narrow squeaker. I did see one five-ender, but most games were very close, and all were friendly.

There were times when one rink finished a game, only to play back-to-back at the other curling rink. Regardless of the rushing around, all games were finished on time, and everyone converged on the Mayfield Inn for supper.

What a sight those tables of food were! I never saw such a huge smorgasbord in my life! Over 420 persons were seated to eat - hungry after that full day of activity. The line-ups for food didn't take too long, and the variety was eye-boggling with

Harv Haugen was Master of Ceremonies. Roy Swanberg, President of District 4, led the singing, and Harry Huser said

There were so many dignitaries that they needed six tables for the head table.

Included were Supreme Director Ed Ness and his wife Lillian; District 4 President Roy Swanberg and his wife Lynda;

Competition fierce



RALPH FRASER Sports Director, Calgary

at the Sons of Norway Winter Games - 6 rinks from Calgary, 4 from Camrose, 11 from Grande Prairie, 5 from Claresholm, and 2 from Edmonton.

the Calgary Club, but not without stiff competition!

The Calgary foursomes massed 18.4 points; Edmonton 15.5; Claresholm 15.25; Grande Prairie 14.32; Camrose 11.1.

The winning rink included Don and Jean Repp, Allan Smith and Bert Schweitzer.

just long enough for the skip to get a good reading of the ice.

There wasn't a single rink that didn't say: "Next time we'll take the old trophy."

Director and Co-Chairman of the Games Doug Peterson and his wife Gail; Co-Chairperson of the Games Gladys Clark and her husband Emeth; Sports Directors of District 7 from Prince George Niilo and Norma Itkonen; Area Representative Ross Anderson and his wife Doreen.

Also at the head table were the Presidents of the various clubs, along with their partners: Derryl Nelson of Grande Prairie; Gladys Peterson of Claresholm; Roald Thorpe of Camrose; Ida Martin of Calgary; and Gary Johnson of the host club.

In addition Sports Directors Gilbert Huber of Grande Prairie, Con Peterson of Camrose, Ralph Fraser of Calgary, Gordon Thompson of Claresholm; Harry Mjaatveit of Edmonton, who coordinated the bowling and curling, Kris Nyhus who organized the skiing, and Helge Nilsen who headed the sports committee; along with Per Nielsen, President of the Scandinavian Centre, were also present.

Ed Ness, Supreme Director, brought best wishes from head office; he stated that the others could not come, but will be at the 4th District convention at Grande Prairie June 15, 16 and

Gary Johnson welcomed the many sportsmen, their wives and guests. Roy Swanberg spoke of the future of Sons of Norway, the new lodge, Nisse No. 567, and a new lodge to be formed at Red Deer.

Niilo Itkonen of Prince George, District 7 Sports Director, spoke of 'Ski for Light' fitness trials, and of the Norwegian involvement in helping the visually handicapped. He stated that a club would soon fall apart if it did not have a goal and a desire to support a worthy

Astrid Hope was named 'Viking of the Year' for the excellent work she has done. The Calgary club provided a humorous and entertaining skit on curling, which certainly fitted the occasion. After the tables were cleared, a dance was enjoyed by everyone.

The draw was made for the hand-hooked rug, pewter candle sticks, and the lefse iron. Mary Studer, 10946 - 81 Street, won the rug; the pewter candle sticks were won by Margaret Arnston, Hay Lakes; the lefse iron was won by Betty McKevitt 301, 10126 - 104 Street.

Next morning the group gathered at the Scandinavian Centre for brunch and the presentation of trophies. Over 325 persons sat to a full-course meal where 1,100 scrambled eggs, 1,000 sausages, and over 900 cups of coffee were consumed, to say nothing of cold cuts, salads, and Norwegian pastries.

The presentation of trophies followed. Calgary away with both curling and bowling trophies. Edmonton club dominated the skiing events. Camrose bowlers won the team high, high single and triple, as well as the high single ladies. The Calgary club won the ladies' high triple in bowling.

The weekend over, all returned home, most with one thing in mind - next year it will be

Sportsmanship, fellowship and the friendships made at these Winter Games make all the work involved worthwhile.

Thank you all for coming see you next year at Camrose!



GARY IOHNSON President, Solglyt Lodge



ROY SWANBERG President, District 4



HARV HAUGEN Master of Ceremonies



NIILO ITKONEN **Sports Director** District 7, Prince George



GILBERT HUBER Sports Director, Grande Prairie

Calgary wins trophy

26 bowling teams played off at the Coral Bowl.

Camrose entered 8 teams, Edmonton 6, Calgary and Claresholm 4 each, Grande Prairie 3, and one Supreme team, known as Krig (Warriors) was entered.

Calgary teams were the win ners of the trophy. Ralph Fraser, Sports Director, received the trophy for his club.

The Calgary groups were first with a high team average of 5828. Camrose was second with 5811, followed by Edmonton with 5767, then Claresholm and Grande Prairie.

The high single team from Camrose rolled an average of 6000. This team included Con and Isabel Peterson, Henry and Maxine Nordstrom, and Dona Torpe; each received a trophy.

Men's high single and triple went to Con Peterson of Camrose for the second time. His high game was 373, six-game total 1407; average for the day 234.

Dona Torpe won the women's high single with a 276. The women's high triple was



DEBBY HOVELAND, Calgary High Triple in Bowling

won by Debby Hoveland of Calgary for a second time - she scored 1274 points.

28 rinks curled 3 games each

The trophy was taken by

The games were 6-enders,

Don't forget the Kon Tiki

Dance to be held in the Nordic

Room on April 15th. A limited

number of tickets will be sold,

and they may be obtained from

Olga McBride or Gary Johnson.

and a lei at the door - special

entertainment and lunch later

accent)

it coated?"

There'll be Hawaiian Punch

Aloha! (with a Scandinavian

Next month's reporter is Orla

The article on Swedish

Lena told Ole this morning,

"I have such a terrible cold I

don't know if I should go to

town with you or not. Come

bere and look at my tongue. Is

said. "Have you ever heard of grass growing over a race track?"

"Don't worry, Lena," Ole

Business in Canada will be

continued in the May edi-

tion of this newspaper.

Tychsen - phone 489-5815.

SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT

SXN

by Dos Huse

Upcoming Events—
April 15—
Kon Tiki Night
May 13—
Syttende Mai

At the last General Meeting tine members were initiated:

nine members were initiated: Ralph Ulveland, Helen Biglow, Jennifer and Vincent Christensen, Hazel Hansen, Norman and Edna Wallebeck, Marie and Chris Dreyer.

Welcome to Solglyt No. 143!

Congratulations to Astrid Hope on being chosen 'Viking of the Year'.

Several members are back from

winter holidays

Nels and Irene Hovde spent a two-and-a-half-week Caribbean cruise on a Norwegian boat which left Miami on March 17.

Fred and Winnifred Neilsen enjoyed a month's South Pacific Tour which included Hawaii Australia, New Zealand and

Chris and Marie Dreyer spent a few days' holiday in Las Vegas.

Mrs. Ragna Sivertsen and her friend, Marie Nesby, are at present holidaying in Hāwaii.

Sympathies are extended to the following families:

To the Gustaf Algot family. Gustaf was active in Solglyt Lodge for many years and was an honourary member. He passed away February 10th at the age of 93.

—To the Harry Huser family on the passing of Harry's mother at Rich Lake, Alberta.

—To Mary Gulbrandsen and family on the loss of her oldest sister in Oslo.

Best wishes go to Mrs. Chris Hafstad who celebrated her 93rd birthday on March 25th.

Doug and Gail Peterson and family enjoyed a week-end of skiing at Banff recently.

Randi Tychsen left for France on March 21st with 30 students from a Grade XII French class at Jasper Place Composite. They will be touring and learning the French culture.

Sympathy is extended to Ruth Logan on the passing of her brother.

class - Kris Nyhus came in first

completing the course in 22

minutes, 11 seconds. Glen Carl-

sen placed second with 23 min-

utes, 1 second, and Anders

Anderson Jr. took the bronze

with 26 minutes, 24 seconds.

All the winners in this event

were from the Edmonton club.

four from Edmonton had a total

time of 2 hours, 38 minutes, 20

seconds. The total time for the

Grande Prairie team, consisting

of Andy Haugen, Gunnar Svein-

ungsgard, Bert Strand and Cathy

Haugen was 1 hour, 58 minutes,

fine shape, with good hearts and

The hardy Norse are still in

15 seconds.

willing spirits.

In team competition the top

Magna Garstad is spending six weeks in Norway visiting relatives and friends in Oslo, Bagn, Dokka, and other points. She has four sisters, all in their 70's, to see while there.

God tur, Magna!

Also holidaying this month are Winnie and Fred Nielsen in Australia; Lloyd and Doris Steen and Sharon Sorenson in Hawaii.

Karen Henry, one of our newest members, had the misfortune to fall while skiing just prior to the competition on Sports Week-

She broke her left wrist and left clavicle, and required six stitches to one ear. Karen expects to have to wear an arm cast for six weeks and a shoulder brace for four.

But she's in good spirits — says she plans to be skiing on the glaciers before the season is over!

Karen teaches a group of 11year-old profoundly deaf students at Alberta School for the Deaf.

The Bowling and Curling Banquet is to be held at the Red Baron on April 29th.

Bea Huser and her mother, Oleana Daily, are spending three weeks in Ottawa visiting Bea's daughter, Sharon, and family.

Janette and Bob Burt plan to spend the Easter break in Florida, and the long weekend in May in Truro, N.S., at their son's wedding.

We have rounded out our executive with two new members: Social Director — Alice Stewart; Sports Director—Helge Nilson.

Our apology for an error in last month's article on the new lodge at Radisson, Saskatchewan. The name is Nisse No. 567—not Misse.

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Ski races at the Winter Games

by Bob Burt

Solglyt Lodge, Edmonton, dominated the ski event by sheer numbers. 30 skiing members, all in good shape, gathered to give battle to the slopes and moguls at Terwillegar Park that Saturday morning. The stiff 5-kilometre course had been laid out forseasoned cross-country skiers, and races commenced sharp at 10:30 a.m.

In a special class for under 10, Ann Broen won her first gold medal.

In the 12-years-and-under class, Anders Nyhus made the course in 26 minutes, 17 seconds for a trophy. Greg Nyhus placed second with a time of 28 minutes, 25 seconds for his trophy. Brian Anderson was third at 31 minutes, 15 seconds, for the bronze medal.

In the boys and girls 13 to 15 years of age class — Alan Carlsen was the winner with a time of 29 minutes, 9 seconds. Barbara Broen's time was 29 minutes, 16 seconds, and Jeff Peterson's 30 minutes, 12 seconds, winning for Edmonton two trophies and a silver medal. Cathy Hougen of Grande Prairie came in with a time of 34 minutes, 45 seconds.

In the ladies 16-years-andover, Bernice Nyhus was first with a time of 29 minutes, 28 seconds, followed by Judy Carlsen with 29 minutes, 57 seconds, both for trophies, while Betty Broen came in with 39 minutes, 48 seconds, for the



KRIS NYHUS, Ski Director HELGE NILSEN, Sports Director Solglyt Lodge

bronze medal.

Men 50-and-over class, Niilo Itkonen of Prince George made it in 22 minutes, 46 seconds for a trophy. Keljo Pehla of Edmonton was second with 23 minutes, 50 seconds, and Gunnar Sveinungsgard finished the course in 27 minutes, 50 seconds. Odd Eiesland, age 72, did it in 29 minutes, 18 seconds, and Ole Hovind, also 72, made it in 32 minutes, 10 seconds.

Men over 16 and under 50

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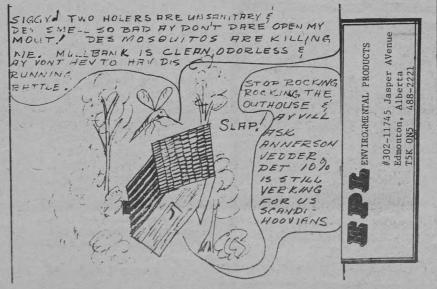
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The old icelandic calender

In modern and up-to-date Iceland people, particularly in rural areas, refer to a different calendar based more on seasons and weather.

Thoiri is the first month. It always begins on a Friday, and this year (1978) it lasts from January 20 to February 19. In this month Thorrablots are celebrated.

Goa, the goddess month, follows Thoiri. Her month always starts on a Sunday, and this year is from February 19 to March 20.

Einmonudur always begins on a Tuesday, falling on March 21, and ending April 19.

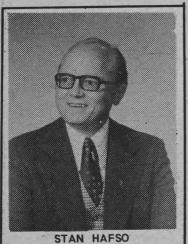
Horpa, the harp, brings tidings of spring - 'sumardagurinn fyrsti' (first day of summer) is celebrated when she returns on April 20. Horpa month always begins on a Thursday (April 20 May 19.

Skerpla is planting time, always starting on a Saturday. This year the dates are from May 20 to June 20.

Solmanudur, the month of the sun - and sunny it is! The longest day of the year - June 21 - falls in this period, and in some parts of Iceland it doesn't set at all - just touches the horizon and continues to shine. This month starts on a Monday and extends from June 21 to July 22.

Heyannir, the haying season, always begins on a Sunday. It is one of the busiest times of the year; it begins July 23 and ends August 21.

Tvi manudur - so called because two things are done at this time: the harvest is gathered and then put into storage. Tues-



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ASTRID HOPE receives the Viking of the Year Award from PER NIELSEN, President of the Scandinavian Centre.

day is always the day on which this day starts (August 22 to September 20).

Haust(manudur), the autumn month, always begins on a Thursday. The days are now getting shorter, and rain and sleet can be expected almost daily. Begins September 21 and lasts until October 20.

Gormanudur: This is the slaughtering season. October 21 is the first day of winter and falls in this period. This month always starts on a Saturday; this year it begins October 21

and ends November 19.

Ylir, the cold month, always begins on a Monday. The days are shortening noticeably and Christmas is fast approaching. Begins November 20 and ends December 19.

Morsugur: The 'mor' refers to the fat that the animals use up in the winter when food is scarce. Winter is here in earnest with its cold and snow and dark, dreary days. Morsugur always begins on a Wednesday and encompasses December 20 to Janu-



by Lili Nielsen

The last WHISTDRIVE of the season will be held on April 11th at 8:00 p.m. in the Dania Room at the Scandinavian

For the information of all whist players-the Annual Whistdrive Wind-Up Party will be held on Friday, April 28th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Dania Room at the Scandinavian Centre.

The menu will be 'Koldt Bord', and tickets can be pur-

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chased at the April 11th Whistdrive, or by phoning Lili at 435-5655 after 5:00 p.m.

We hope to see all whist players attend this evening when trophies will be presented to the High Lady and High Man for the 1977-78 season.

Dania's ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET will be held on April 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Viking Room at the Scandinavian Centre.

The menu will be Sild & Smørrebrød (herrings and openface sandwiches) made by the newly-imported Danish Chef who is now working at the Scandinavian Centre. Some of us who have had the opportunity to taste his fine cooking can only say that it is excellent.

Music will be by the Good Vibrations. Cost of tickets will be \$11.00 per person for members, and \$13.00 per person for non-members. They can be obtained from either Vera Nielsen or Lili Nielsen. Last day for tickets will be April 8th.

Don't forget this date - it will be the last Banquet until October!

VEJEN GARDEN - a 72member boys' band from Denmark

We are now able to confirm that the above band is coming to Edmonton during the month of July this year.

The band will be in Edmonton from July 18th to 24th.

During their stay in Edmonton we will be looking for 'parents' for the boys, and we are appealing to members of the Danish Society to open their homes to one, two, or more, boys. They range in age from 9 to 20 years. Some are Englishspeaking, but most speak Danish



Scandinavian Kitchen Corner

white vinegar

1/2 cup heavy cream, whipped

Rinse the salad leaves well

To make the dressing separ-

and dry. Chill to crisp. Tear the

leaves into pieces and put into a

salad bowl with the cucumber

ate the hard-boiled volk from the

white. Mash the yolk with mus-

tard, salt and sugar or honey.

Add lemon juice or vinegar and

mix well. Fold in the whipped

Pour the dressing over the

salad just before serving. Sprinkle

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with chopped egg white.

Chop the egg

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cream. Chill.

white separately.

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150 gr. icing sugar

3 level tsp. gelatine

½ cup dark rum

Add gelatine and melt.

1/2 cup water

with icing sugar.

cream and berries.

dashes of rum.

Make the above recipe.

1 ltr. whipping cream

½ tsp. rum extract (optional)

Mix water, rum and sugar.

Whip the cream. Whip the egg

Make wet a spring-form or

Gently pour in fromage and

Heat until the sugar is melted.

yolks. Blend cream with egg

yolks and add to warm mixture.

glass bowl and powder lightly

chill. Decorate with whipped

RUBINSTEIN CAKE

In the bottom of a spring-

form place a layer of macaroon.

Spread this with a layer of rasp-

berry jam and add two or three

Pour the fromage on top.

pastries dipped in chocolate and

filled with whipped cream.

cake the day before.

Decorate with small puff

For best results make the

You Will Need-

8 egg yolks

UNLEAVENED RYE BREAD (Ruisrieska)

You Will Need-

1 cup milk 1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. sugar

1 cup rye flour 4 tbsp. melted butter

In a bowl mix the milk, salt

and sugar. Stir in the flour and beat until smooth. Add the butter, mixing until

blended. Pour into a well-buttered and

floured 9 X 12 ins. baking pan. Bake in a very hot oven (450 deg.) for about 30 minutes or until slightly browned in

Serve hot with butter.

BEEF A LA LINDSTROM (Lindstromin Pihvi)

You Will Need-

1 lb. lean ground beef

1 large boiled potato, mashed 2 small boiled beets, grated

1 small dill pickle, chopped

1/4 cup light cream

1 tsp. sea salt

1/4 tsp. white pepper

1 egg

1 onion, cut into rings and fried in oil

Mix together the ground beef, potato, beets, and chopped pickle. Add the cream, salt and pepper. Mix well. Beat the egg and add to the mixture. Stir until it starts to stick to the bowl.

Make 4 to 6 round patties. Either fry them in oil on both sides or broil them. Brown the onion rings and serve on top.

Serve for lunch or dinner with mashed potatoes.

OLD-FASHIONED SALAD (Kermansekainen Salaatti)

You Will Need-

2 small, fresh heads Bibb lettuce

½ Euopean cucumber, cut into strips

Dressing-

1 hard-boiled egg

1 tsp. prepared mustard

1/2 tsp. sea salt

1/2 tsp. raw sugar or honey 1 tbsp. lemon juice or

only.

There are certain requirements that the 'parents' must be able to meet in order for the Edmonton program to function properly:

1. We have requested VEJEN to give us an indication of the individual boy's preference an 'English-speaking only' home, or a home where at least one of the partners is Danish-speaking. If at all possible selection of homes will be made in accordance with the boys' wishes.

2. The band's visit to Edmonton is for the specific purpose of participating in the Edmonton Klondike Parade and to generally be at the disposal of the Klondike Association during the six-day stay in Edmonton. For this reason 'parents' must be able to deliver the boy(s) on a day-today basis to a central downtown location at a given time and again pick up the boy(s) later on the same day or night.

3. It would be desirable (but not necessary) if 'parents' could accommodate at least 2 boys. It would make it a lot easier for the organizers from a communication point of

Interested members please call Lili Nielsen at 435-5655 after 5:00 p.m.

These boys will also be in Calgary during Stampede week, and it is our hope that we will be able to extend the same kind of hospitality that we are certain they will receive from our friends down south.

So let's get together and make this project a success. So far we are able to accommodate only 26 of the 72 boys.

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ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

by Ninna Campbell

Hi everyone!

Hope you've all recovered from the Thorrablot.

We were very fortunate to have Miss Caroline Gunnarson as guest speaker, and we hope she enjoyed her visit here as much as we enjoyed having her.

Thanks to Beulah Arason, Freda Smith, Martha Arnason, Lucille Oddson, and all the ladies who made the Icelandic food — it was the best yet!

Several out-of-town visitors helped us celebrate Thorrablot: Mr. and Mrs. Holfsteinn Bjarnason from Regina; Marino Sveinsson of Great Bear Lake (formerly of Elfros, Saskatchewan); Les and Thorey Greenham of Camrose; and Tom and Hulda Yelir of Westlock were some that came quite a distance.

The evening concluded with a dance which was enjoyed by all.

June Parker received a brochure from Mountain, North Dakota, with information on the Icelandic Centennial being celebrated there June 30th, July 1st and 2nd.

Included in the brochure are lists of area motels and their distance from Mountain.

More information and preregistration can be obtained from Mrs. Gisli Sampson, Hensel, North Dakota, 58241.

Several Edmonton Icelanders have indicated interest in attending and suggested getting together and chartering a bus. June Parker has offered to obtain bus charter information and take the names of those interested

Her phone number is 459-8624.

Leifur and Lucille Oddson are proud to welcome a grand-daughter into the clan. Karen Anna Lea arrived February 26 weighing in at 9 lbs. 7½ ozs.

Congratulations Kathy and Darryll Helfenstein!

Barney and Jean Thorlakson enjoyed their holiday in Barbados. They went on a guided tour of the island — found it a most interesting place. One place of interest was the home of Claudette Colbert, the movie

***** THORVALDSON Margret K

Don and Margaret Cameron have just returned from Mexico where they visited with Donna and Guillermo Jimenez and wee granddaughter, Erica.

During their stay Erica celebrated her first brithday with close to 100 guests!! In Mexico a first brithday is a very special occasion, and to Margaret's and Don's surprise, three gentlemen with guitars awakened them at 3:00 a.m. with a special birthday serenade to Erica.

They flew back from Mexico City.

Pauline and Alex Mitchell have returned after travelling in California and Mexico. We hope to have more details of their trip in the next issue.

Best wishes to Olive Goodman in her new residence at Belvedere Lodge..

Jon Jennekens of the Atomic Energy Control Board in Ottawa visited his cousin, Gunnar Thorvaldson in February. Jon was in Edmonton with Operation Morning Light, which is the code name for the search and recovery mission for Cosmos 954, the Russian satellite which came down in the Northwest Territories.

Gunnar and Shirley Thorvaldson visited Shirley's parents, Herb and Laura Edgar, in Mesa, Arizona, for a week from February 25 to March 5.

Our sympathy is extended to the Thorvaldson family.

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THORVALDSON, Margret Kristin -

After a brief illness, on March 3, 1978, in Pacific Grove, Calif., Margret Kristin Thorvaldson, aged 76 years, of 945 Government Ave., Winnipeg, widow of Helgi Thorvaldson.

Margret was born December 28, 1901, at Hecla Island. At an early age she moved to the Otto District. In 1927 she married and raised her family at Oak Point, moving to Winnipeg in 1959. She was active in community functions and was a member of the Unitarian Church Ladies' Aid.

She was predeceased by her husband, Helgi, one brother, August, and two sisters, Johanna and Rosa.

She leaves to mourn her passing her sister, Jonasina, of Oak Point; five daughters, Joyce and Bill Tonn of Burnaby, B.C.; Bernice and Bill Mitchell of Saskatoon, Sask.; Rose of Carmel, Calif.; Gladys and Doug Wirth of Winnipeg; and Gloria and Mike Tilleman of Chinook, Mont.; three sons, Gunnar and Shirley of Edmonton, Alta.; Gordon and Evelyn, and August and Carolyn of Winnipeg; 22 grand-children, and many nieces, nephews and friends. She touched the lives of everyone she knew.

Funeral service was held on Wednesday, March 8, 1978, at 1:00 p.m. in the Bardal Funeral Home, 843 Sherbrook St. Interment in Brookside Cemetery. Rev. P.M. Petursson officiated.

ther, Margret, died March 3rd in Pacific Grove, California, after a short illness. Margret had been visiting her daughter, Rose, since early December. The funeral and burial were held in Winnipeg on March 8th.

Gunnar, Shirley, Gary and Cindy drove to Winnipeg to attend the funeral.

Kris and Edie Snidal of Steep Rock, Manitoba, were visitors at the home of his brother, Stan and Ada Snidal of St. Albert, during February.

Stan returned to Manitoba with Kris and Edie for a short holiday and business trip.

Did you hear about the fellow making his way home from a party one night when he came upon an amateur astronomer inspecting the heavens through a telescope? The drunk looked up just as a shooting star flashed

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downward.

"Gosh," he said admiringly to the astronomer, "you sure are a crack shot!"

Shirley Sigurdson has the column next time.

See you!

Les Greenham comments

Hello, fellow readers; my name is 'Les'. Some people probably remember me as the former editor of the Icelandic Newsletter (hey, I like that word 'editor'). We would like to make a few comments re some of our recent observations and views.

First, we feel that if we are to have a 50-50 chance of having our views published, it would be hmm, what is the word — acropol, protocol, logistical — well, anyhow, just plain common sense, to start off with a remark about the Editor of our Scandinavian Centre newspaper.

Being of sound mind and in possession of all my faculties (I think) — but all kidding aside and in all seriousness, Edith Peterson, you are doing a tremendous job of putting this newspaper together, and I am proud of you. Keep up the good work! We hope other people are sending you encouraging remarks — you certainly deserve them.

And what about that guy Solli Sigurdson! He must be a bit of a genius coming up with the new format for Scandapades the past two years.

We attended Scandapades on February 3rd, and did we ever enjoy it. Thorey and I both agreed the next day that we hadn't had such a wonderful, enjoyable evening since our wedding day? We could go on and write several pages of accolades about this year's production; suffice it to say — congratulations to you, Solli, and also to all the actors and all those behind-thescenes volunteers. See you again next year, the Lord willing and the weather permitting.

By the way, it was great to see a lot of our friends again.

You've all heard the old saying, you hurt the one you love the most, and you don't realize how much you love them till you have left. Would you believe it? What we have missed the most since leaving Edmonton is the 'Saga Singers', the biggest and most famous Icelandic choir in Western Canada.

And yet, you wouldn't believe how miserable I was at practices sometimes. Sure would enjoy being there with you again. However, we do have a simple solution to this problem.

We suggest that all Choir mem-CONTINUED ON PAGE 10

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by Anja Sahuri

The annual skiing competition took place this year at Rundle Park on February 26th. The weather was good, but the track was worn down and melted in spots to show grass — all in all the track was icy.

About 40 people came out that afternoon to enjoy the beautiful Alberta sun.

The winners of the Ladies' Group were:

1st - Susan Kankkunen Time 231/2 minutes

2nd - Sylvi Kankkunen Time 24 minutes

3rd - Elaine Lof The ladies went a 5-km. track as did the men, and the winners

of the Men's Group were: - Heikki Laitinen Time 20 minutes

> 2nd - Matti Moisio Time 22 minutes

3rd - Jallu Kanerva Time 231/2 minutes

- Dick Sahuri

The children had two groups; of the older group which went a 3-km. track, the winners were Marlene Kankkunen and Antti Pitkanen, who both came in at 8 minutes.

The younger group went about 1/2 km., and again the winners were tied Kanerva and Paul Pitkanen with 31/2 minutes each. Second place was also tied with Liisa Karvonen and Maxwell Lof coming in at 4 minutes each.

A baby shower was held in honour of baby Risto Viinikka, son of Henna and Kullervo

Ronning Lodge

Ronning Lodge welcomes the following new members:

Eric and Velda Thorne Ken and Hulda Sorgen

Les Coykendal all of Camrose;

Wayne and Terry Van Sickle of Sherwood Park;

John and Margaret Faust who have moved to Camrose from Vancouver.

Get well wishes to Mayor Rudy Swanson who is now out of hospital and recuperating at home.

Belated birthday greetings to Mary Willman on the occasion of her 80th birthday on March 8th.

Ronning Lodge has purchased

a bowling trophy which will be awarded to the top team for the Friday Night League. This trophy will be presented annually as the Bill Sware Memorial Trophy.

The Drill Team will be holding a garage and bake sale on April 22 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

The Ways and Means Committee have been holding a Pancake Breakfast in the Cultural Centre every Sunday during the month of March from 8:30 - 12:30. The first one was very successful, with 238 persons attending. They will also be holding them during the month of April.

The Committee is also having an Auction of new and used items on June 7th.

Viinikka. Congratulations and best wishes to baby and the proud parents.

A surprise birthday party was held in honour of Leslie Rama who celebrated his 50th birthday in February. He wishes to thank all his friends for the party and gift watch and flowers, and thank you to the ladies for the delicious lunch. Out-of-town visitors included his brother, William, with his wife, Marg, and their son, Robert, from Calgary. Also from Calgary were John and Joan Koivuneva and Robert and Jennifer and Niilo Koivuneva. Thank you for coming, and many thanks for the

gifts. Thank you Aunt Jennie, Eino and John, for the phone calls and greetings. And brother John and family and sister Doris and family, and everybody who sent me greeting cards. Thank

-Leslie Rama

I wish to thank the Finnish Society for the lovely flowers they sent me.

-Leslie Rama

Recent visitors from Finland included Eino and Mauno Ronkkonen who are visiting their brother, Mauri, and family in Vancouver; their aunt, Maria Utunen; and cousin, Anja Sahuri and family in Edmonton

Miss Finland 1978 was crowned recently in Helsinki; she is 18-year-old Seija Paakkola of First runner-up is Tii Heilimo and second runner-up is Eija Laaksonen.

Sons of Norway Cultural Corner

by Astrid Hope **Cultural Director**

It's Queen Contest time again! Applications are again open for our annual Sons of Norway Queen Contest which will be held on April 19th along with our General Meeting.

The lucky Queen will be crowned at the 'Syttende Mai' festivities which will be held on Saturday, May 13th.

Participants are required to have the following qualifications:

- 1. Age 16 to 25 years inclusive.
- 2. Daughter of a Sons of Norway member.
- 3. Must be Norwegian by birth or descent.

4. Must be single.

The panel of judges will base their selection on these criteria:

- 1. Personality
- 2. Poise
- 3. Talent 4. Appearance

Should you wish to discuss this further, or register as a contestant, please phone Astrid Hope at 469-4747.

In early February Astrid Hope along with the Freeloaders, put on a program of Norwegian tunes, and also popular tunes, at the Hardisty Nursing Home (where she works). It was thoroughly enjoyed.

At times there was handclapping; then the patients joined in the singing, and some couples even got up to dance.

Astrid arranged a large Norwegian display for the event, as well as bringing several types of Norwegian baking for the lunch after the program.

Several people from the Hardisty Home went, by the special bus provided, to Scandapades '78 and greatly enjoyed that program too.

Sons of Norway has been invited to participate in the production of a one-hour cultural heritage documentary by Access Radio CKUA. The program is called Cultural Interface. Please watch for it on Sunday, May 7, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Astrid Hope is arranging the program in such a way as to present conversations with several people on several ethnic topics as historical background, including contributions of the culture to Canadian society, literature, community activities, festivals, customs, etc., along with half an hour of music to tie in with the

This should be culturally enlightening as well as entertaining. We hope to tie it in with our big event, 'Syttende Mai', May 17th (Norway's Independence Day).

Don't forget to listen - dial

Another event to watch for and participate in is the Oslo Hasle Skol Musik Kor (50 participants) which is arriving in Edmonton on June 20th and will be in Alberta until about

The following is their itinerary as we have it at present-

June 22 - Viking June 24-25 - Morinville

- Red Deer Festival July 6-7-8 - Calgary Stampede

The date for Edmonton has not been arranged, so please watch for further dates and details.

This band is being sponsored by the Dickensfield Marching Band, also called the 'Crusaders' (65 in number) which has copied

Appraisal centres subject at Torske Klubben

by Bob Burt

Thirty-three members and a guest speaker gathered to enjoy a superb cod supper at Torske Klubben's March meeting.

Following introductions of guests and the usual run of Norwegian jokes, treasurer Bob Burt gave his report and introduced the guest speaker - Richard Cooper, Manager of the Insurance Bureau of Canada.

Mr. Cooper was with the R.A.F. before coming to Canada in 1947; he has lived in Edmonton for the past five years.

He said that with the establishment of Appraisal Centres, which have already been set up in Edmonton, if you have an accident your car can be appraised at the drive-in Centre.

You will be given a complete list of damages, necessary repairs and replacements, and an approved labour price, and you may then take your car to the body shop of your choice.

The Appraisal Centre relieves the car owner of having to ob-

Their members are arranging for accommodation for the one hundred Norwegians expected.

Ken Proud, who is in charge, has requested that our organization support their program by attending the function when it is in Edmonton. This should be good entertainment.

The band is also planning a night in each of Banff and

An Ethnic Supper was put on by the youth of Hope Lutheran Church on March 12th, and Astrid Hope had a wide array of Norwegian articles on display.

The youth went all out for elaborate displays and had a very elegant smorgasbord table of foods representing all parts of the world. A few members had missionary relatives, so there were many unique artifacts from Africa, India, Japan, etc.

Astrid also helped to show several young people after school how to make lefse for the occasion. Most of them hadn't heard of lefse before.

tain three appraised costs and saves the garage or body shop the time involved in making an appraisal with no certainty of getting the job. If an insurance company requests a Centre appraisal, it pays for it.

The Insurance Bureau is comprised of 180 member companies whose premiums were over \$3 billion in 1976 - more than 90% of the total business.

The objects of the Bureau are: to provide a forum for discussion of general insurance; to study legislative proposals; to engage in research and pilot projects; to engage in public relations activities; and to maintain high ethical standards.

Questions were asked by the members, and Mr. Cooper was thanked for his enlightening talk.

The next meeting promises to be just as interesting, when members, prospective members, and guests gather on April 4th.

See you all then.

Buford Lodge

by Florence Pearson

District Lodge curling was held in Camrose on March 11th, hosted by the Norden Lodge of Meeting Creek. A big 'thank you' goes out to them for a job well done!

I am sure everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, as we

18 rinks participated; the rink skipped by Bob Lewis of Edmonton came out in first place.

The Henry Sjogren rink of Falun came in second, and the Ruby Svedberg rink of Meeting Creek brought up the rear.

We had two rinks entered. One rink consisted of Bob and Gunhild Ladoceur and Albin and Wanda Markstedt, and the other of George and Doris Modin Ray Pearson and Florence Pearson. We had some good games but just didn't get enought points.

Thanks again so much to Norden Lodge.



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GREENHAM **CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8**

bers move to Camrose. You would all love it out here. Hey, how about you all coming out to our acreage some weekend this summer for a sing-song, fun and games?

In the February edition of the Icelandic Newsletter we read an article which we found, to say the least, rather amusing. It was written by a columnist who used the pen name 'Ninna Campbell' and contained some comments about a famous athlete living in

Camrose who is supposed to be in training.

Now let us examine the name 'Ninna'. Would you say that that is the name of a male or a female? Also the perturbing part about this article is the omission of the name of this athlete, be it male or female. Is he or she afraid of being challenged to some kind of a race at the annual Markerville Islandingadagurin on June 17th, knowing they don't stand a chance of winning? And consequently being so embarrassed in front of friends?

Thorey and her sister, Anna, have mentioned they have seen someone who appeared to be running on one leg and carrying a lollipop.

A personal observation here - this athlete is probably training on one leg and carrying a lollipop realizing that there would be no opposition if he trained on both legs.

Since we feel we would have been great detectives, we decided to do some sleuthing, and after a tremendous amount of leg work we have established beyond a doubt the name of this athlete!

Now remember this name, folks - it is Les 'the athlete of the past century' Greenham!

Just a few more sentimental words with regard to our recent trips to Edmonton for Scandapades and Thorrablot.

First, on February 3rd as we were approaching the Scandinavian Centre and it came into sight, I said to Thorey, "Home again." Well, friends, you guessed it - in a nutshell, we love that

Finally, a few words to Herb and Phyllis Vigfusson: Thank you for your tremendous hospitality, food, treats, and the private bridal suite. Incidentally, Herb, from the way you were talking you must think there is only 12 ounces in a pound. But Herb, a pound is actually 16 ounces. We suggest you change your tune, Herby.

If we don't see you before then, we will see you all at the Markerville Islandingadagurin on June 17th.

Twenty applications were re-

Danish foods were demon-

ceived for the Scandinavian

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Club Viking; 19 were present

strated (and eaten by the stu-

dents). As well as receiving the

recipes for the evening's dishes,

those in attendance also received

for the first class.

McBride rink wins!

by Bob Burt

Solglyt Lodge's Curling Club held their play-offs on Saturday, March 11th.

Eight rinks have competed throughout the season, and the four highest played off in the semi-finals: the McBride foursome met the Berdahl rink, while the Mjaatveit foursome curled against the Svidal rink.

The curling was truly professional, with both games tied up coming home.

Results: the McBride rink won with a score of 6-5; the Mjaatveits won their game 5-4.

In the final which followed the score was tied twice - a real thriller! What a climax to the season!

The winning rink, and second

Program for students

Minister of Employment and Immigration, Bud Cullen, recently announced a \$96.2 million interdepartmental program for students which will create an estimated 60,000 summer jobs in addition to placing more than 250,000 young Canadians in positions in the private sector through the highly successful Canada Manpower Centres for Students/Canada Employment Centres for Students.

Previously known as the Student Summer Employment and Activities Program, it will now become the Canada Summer Youth Employment Program. Ten federal departments are participating and the Employment and Immigration Commission will be co-ordinating the activities of the participating departments.

Programs sponsored under the Canada Summer Youth Employment Program offer employment opportunities in various fields such as tourism in Canada's National Parks; wildlife manage-

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cover the other four Scandinavi-

an countries, and the recipes

promised are interesting and ex-

these Monday nights!

The remaining classes will

Calorie-counting is forgotten

fessional chef.

time champions, were Dale and Olga McBride with Gary and Evelyn Johnson. The Mjaatveit rink included Harry Mjaatveit, Chris Dreyer, Garth Travis and Paul Anderson.

The Gordon Berdahl rink included John Pittis, Harper McRae and Ken Halberg.

The Svidal rink, a family affair, was skipped by Kevin, backed by Kaare and Curtis. What a team these youngsters made!

All four rinks will figure prominently at the Bowling and Curling Banquet which will be held at the Red Baron Inn. Meadowlark Mall, where all the sportspeople will gather for a bang-up finale.

ment and fish resource utilization; human biology; health care organization and public legal education.

The Young Canada Works Program will be providing the bulk of the jobs under the Canada Summer Youth Employment Program. The \$48 million program is expected to provide 30,000 jobs.

Vacation Planner

It's an old saving that if you keep your out-of-fashion garments long enough, eventually they will become fashionable again. It applies to the length of ladies' dresses, as well as to men's neckties.

The same seems to apply, in a sense, to travel brochures, Old experienced travel agents will remember that quite a few years ago Scandinavian Airlines used to publish their Scandinavian Travel Planner which was tremendously popular among both travel agents and the travelling public. Now, and literally due to public demand, SAS, together with Bennett Tours, have published a new edition of the old concept and named it 'Scandinavia Planner'. It is now available at all travel agencies and

SAS sales offices. Designed for the independent traveller and for this year's vacation period, the Scandinavia Planner is an excellent tool in tailor-making your own vacation package to your own individual needs and interests.

It has a special section for air fares, which these days can baffle even a specialist; another section for city packages and coming events. It lists regional tours, car rentals, fly-and-drive packages, rail and steamer travel in Scandinavia, and many other features.

And, most importantly, it gives you prices!

It even includes a few sample itineraries in order to show you how to work out your own special vacation package.

And then there is a work sheet where you can compile everything, add up and get the all-important bottom line figure which tells you exactly how much your vacation is going to cost you.

The Bonus Passport program is particularly interesting, because it involves a hotel discount program in Scandinavia.

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Annual meeting

by L.K. Johnson

A very good crowd gathered at the Markerville Hall on Thursday, February 23, to enjoy a delicious pot-luck supper and to take part in the annual meeting of the Society.

After supper and some very pleasant visiting, presentations were made by the President, Kris Johnson.

Leslie Johnston received four steins, with the Society logo, in appreciation of his very fine work in designing the logo.

Bob Robertson, who had helped the Society in levelling some land near the Park was given a dozen glasses and a family membership for the year.

The next presentation was to Joe Johannson, first president of the Society, and came as a surprise to him.

Around Christmas time Joe received a Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal, but he didn't know why he had received it.

In making the presentation to Joe publicly, Kris reminded him that it was through his efforts and encouragement that the Icelandic Society started in 1974; that he had worked to have the Stephansson Homestead designated as an Historic Site; had the Society host over 700 friends, relatives and visitors from Iceland in July and August of 1975 when the official dedication took place; and has worked hard to keep the Icelandic community aware of its responsibilities in the community surrounding Markerville.

Joe has always been a good neighbour, and applause and congratulations from the crowd present indicated his worthiness to receive the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal.

All the best wishes from his many, many friends go to Joe along with this honour.

During the business meeting the following executive was elected for 1978:

President — Kris Johnson

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Kay Johnson

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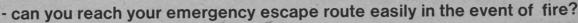
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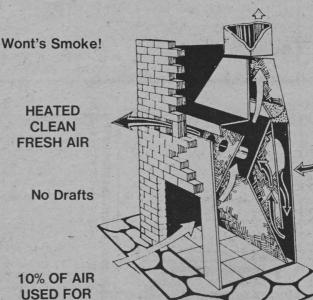
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This plate will feature a picture of Ansgar Church in Edmonton. There will be a limited number available, so if you want to be sure that you get yours, or perhaps one for each child baptized at Ansgar, you are encouraged to phone Esther Svendgaard at 476-8328 on or before April 15th.

The cost of this plate will be in the \$25 to \$30 range, depending on the exchange rate, tax and import duty. Delivery of the plate will be some time in 1979, but orders are being taken NOW!

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TWO SPECIAL SERVICES will be held during April at Ansgar.

On the 23rd at 11:00 a.m. there will be an English Service of an informal nature conducted by our Youth Group.

At this Service we will be receiving the special gifts and offerings which our people have been collecting for the past 11/2 months, designated for the work of the Canadian Lutheran World Relief in various parts of the world.

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sen from the Danish Church in

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ANSGAR LADIES' AID ANNU-AL SPRING BAZAAR takes place on Saturday, April 29th, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Eastwood Community Hall, 11803 - 86 Street.

As is always the case at this annual event, there will be a choice selection of fancy handiwork, meats and baking, together with various entertaining games such as Tombola, American Lottery, and a Fish Pond for the kids.

Lucky Draws will be made for a cash prize of \$400, and a second prize of \$100. In addition to this, you may be lucky enough to win a 5' X 8' handhooked Persian Rug. But of course, you have to have a ticket to be in the running. If you don't as yet have a ticket on either of these draws, and you would like one or more, phone Karen Jensen at 476-6475 and she will see that you get some.

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